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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**  
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9 Timothy Paul Olmos, ) No. CV-11-344-PHX-GMS (MEA)  
10 Petitioner, ) **ORDER**  
11 vs. )  
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13 Charles L. Ryan, et al., )  
14 Respondents. )  
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16 Pending before this Court are Petitioner’s “Motion To Reconsider Denial Of  
17 Petitioner’s Motion To Stay And Abey Proceedings” (Doc. 7) and “Motion To Rule On Filed  
18 Pleadings And To Correct Court Record” (Doc. 11).

19 **I. Procedural Background**

20 On February 22, 2011, Petitioner Timothy Paul Olmos, who is confined in the Arizona  
21 State Prison Complex-Florence, filed a *pro se* Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant  
22 to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Doc. 1), an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. 2), and  
23 a “Motion To Stay And Abey 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Proceedings” (Doc. 3).

24 By Order filed April 20, 2011 (Doc. 5), the Court granted Petitioner’s Application to  
25 Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*, denied Petitioner’s “Motion To Stay And Abey 28 U.S.C.  
26 § 2254 Proceedings,” dismissed the Petition and this action without prejudice, and declined  
27 to issue a certificate of appealability in the event Petitioner filed an appeal. Judgment was  
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1 entered on April 20, 2011 (Doc. 6).

2 On May 2, 2011, Petitioner filed his “Motion To Reconsider Denial Of Petitioner’s  
3 Motion To Stay And Abey Proceedings” (Doc. 7) and a pleading entitled “Motion For  
4 Certificate Of Appealability In District Court” (Doc. 8), which the Clerk of Court treated as  
5 a Notice of Appeal. On May 11, 2011, Petitioner filed his “Motion To Rule On Filed  
6 Pleadings And To Correct Court Record” (Doc. 11).

## 7 **II. Motion to Reconsider**

8 In his “Motion To Reconsider Denial Of Petitioner’s Motion To Stay And Abey  
9 Proceedings” (Doc. 7), Petitioner asks the Court to reconsider its decision by reinstating his  
10 Petition (Doc. 1) and granting his “Motion To Stay And Abey 28 U.S.C. § 2254  
11 Proceedings” (Doc. 3). In the present case, where Petitioner submitted his Motion to  
12 Reconsider after entry of judgment, the only appropriate procedural devices are: (1) a motion  
13 to alter or amend judgment pursuant to Rule 59(e), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; or (2) a  
14 motion for relief from judgment pursuant to Rule 60(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

15 Because Petitioner’s Motion to Reconsider calls into question the correctness of the  
16 underlying judgment, it is in reality a Rule 59(e) motion to alter or amend judgment pursuant  
17 to Rule 59(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Court will construe it as such.  
18 Fischer v. United States Department of Justice, 759 F.2d 461, 464 (5th Cir. 1985). See also  
19 Munden v. Ultra Alaska Associates, 849 F.2d 383, 387 (9th Cir. 1988); Sea Ranch  
20 Association v. California Coastal Zone Conservation Comm’n, 537 F.2d 1058, 1061 (9th Cir.  
21 1978); 9 J. Moore, Moore’s Federal Practice ¶ 204.12[1] (1985) (“Any motion that draws  
22 into question the correctness of the judgment is functionally a motion under Civil Rule 59(e),  
23 whatever its label.”).

24 In his Motion to Reconsider, Petitioner argues in part that the Court should not have  
25 dismissed the Petition and denied his Motion to Stay and Abey because he “is reasonably  
26 confused about whether or not his successive Rule 32 petitions will ultimately be ruled  
27 timely filed or not.” Although Petitioner did not make this assertion in his Motion to Stay

1 and Abey, he did allege that he was filing a “‘protective’ petition” as provided for in Pace  
2 v. DiGuglielmo, 125 S. Ct. 1807 (2005).

3 In the interests of justice, and because Petitioner’s claims may now be time barred,  
4 the Court will grant in part Petitioner’s Motion to Reconsider by vacating its Order (Doc. 5)  
5 to the extent that it denied Petitioner’s “Motion To Stay And Abey 28 U.S.C. § 2254  
6 Proceedings” (Doc. 3), dismissed the Petition (Doc. 1) and this action without prejudice, and  
7 declined to issue a certificate of appealability in the event Petitioner filed an appeal. The  
8 Court will also vacate the Judgment entered on April 20, 2011 (Doc. 6 ), direct the Clerk of  
9 Court to serve the Petition and Motion to Stay and Abey on the Respondents, direct the  
10 Respondents not to answer the Petition at this time, and require the Respondents to respond  
11 to Petitioner’s Motion to Stay and Abey. The Motion to Reconsider will be denied as to all  
12 other relief requested.

### 13 **III. Motion to Rule**

14 In his “Motion To Rule On Filed Pleadings And To Correct Court Record” (Doc. 11),  
15 Petitioner moves this Court to rule on his “Motion To Reconsider Denial Of Petitioner’s  
16 Motion To Stay And Abey Proceedings” (Doc. 7) and “Motion For Certificate Of  
17 Appealability In District Court” (Doc. 8), and to order the Clerk of Court to retract its  
18 transmittal of the record to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Plaintiff’s Motion to Rule  
19 will be granted in part to the extent that this Order rules on Petitioner’s Motion to Reconsider  
20 and denied in part as to all other relief requested.

### 21 **IV. Warnings**

#### 22 **A. Address Changes**

23 Petitioner must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with Rule  
24 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Petitioner must not include a motion for other  
25 relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in dismissal of this  
26 action.

1           **B.     Copies**

2           Petitioner must serve Respondents, or counsel if an appearance has been entered, a  
3 copy of every document that he files. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(a). Each filing must include a  
4 certificate stating that a copy of the filing was served. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d). Also, Petitioner  
5 must submit an additional copy of every filing for use by the Court. LRCiv 5.4. Failure to  
6 comply may result in the filing being stricken without further notice to Petitioner.

7           **C.     Possible Dismissal**

8           If Petitioner fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these  
9 warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. See *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*,  
10 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to  
11 comply with any order of the Court).

12           **IT IS ORDERED:**

13           (1)     Petitioner’s “Motion To Reconsider Denial Of Petitioner’s Motion To Stay  
14 And Abey Proceedings” (Doc. 7), which the Court **construes** as a motion to alter or amend  
15 judgment pursuant to Rule 59(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, is **granted in part**  
16 to the extent that the Court’s Order (Doc. 5) is **vacated** in so far as it denied Petitioner’s  
17 “Motion To Stay And Abey 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Proceedings” (Doc. 3), dismissed the Petition  
18 (Doc. 1) and this action without prejudice, and declined to issue a certificate of appealability  
19 in the event Petitioner filed an appeal. The Judgment entered on April 20, 2011 (Doc. 6 ) is  
20 also **vacated**. Petitioner’s “Motion To Reconsider Denial Of Petitioner’s Motion To Stay  
21 And Abey Proceedings” (Doc. 7) is **denied in part** as to all other relief requested.

22           (2)     Petitioner’s “Motion To Rule On Filed Pleadings And To Correct Court  
23 Record” (Doc. 11) is **granted in part** to the extent that this Order rules on Petitioner’s  
24 “Motion To Reconsider Denial Of Petitioner’s Motion To Stay And Abey Proceedings”  
25 (Doc. 7) and **denied in part** as to all other relief requested.

26           (3)     The Clerk of Court **must serve** a copy of the Petition (Doc. 1), “Motion To  
27 Stay And Abey 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Proceedings” (Doc. 3), and this Order on the Respondent

1 and the Attorney General of the State of Arizona by certified mail pursuant to Rule 4, Rules  
2 Governing Section 2254 Cases.

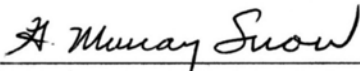
3 (4) Respondents **must file a response** to the “Motion To Stay And Abey 28 U.S.C.  
4 § 2254 Proceedings” (Doc. 3) **within 40 days** of the date of service.

5 (5) Petitioner **may file** a reply to the response to the “Motion To Stay And Abey  
6 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Proceedings” (Doc. 3) within **30 days** from the date of service of the  
7 response.

8 (6) Respondents **must not** answer the Petition until directed to do so by the Court.

9 (7) This matter, including the Petition (Doc. 1) and the “Motion To Stay And Abey  
10 28 U.S.C. § 2254 Proceedings” (Doc. 3), is **referred** to Magistrate Judge Mark E. Aspey  
11 pursuant to Rules 72.1 and 72.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for further proceedings  
12 and a report and recommendation.

13 DATED this 10th day of August, 2011.

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17 G. Murray Snow  
18 United States District Judge  
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